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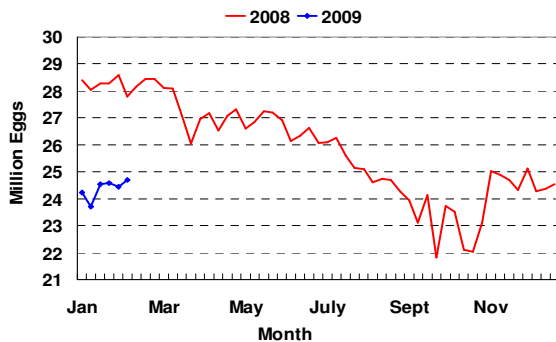
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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 4 Percent from Last Year

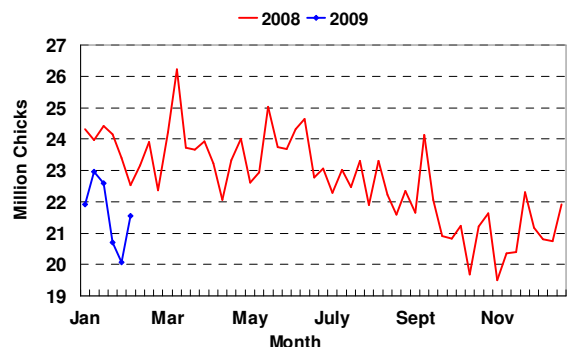
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.5 million during the week ending February 7, 2009. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but up 7 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 7, 2009, down 11 percent from the same period last year but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, January 10, 2009 - February 7, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	10-Jan	17-Jan	24-Jan	31-Jan	7-Feb	10-Jan	17-Jan	24-Jan	31-Jan	7-Feb
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	28,919	28,914	29,216	28,765	29,023	20,312	19,895	19,290	19,404	19,760
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>23,721</b>	<b>24,526</b>	<b>24,590</b>	<b>24,442 *</b>	<b>24,710</b>	<b>22,969</b>	<b>22,583</b>	<b>20,709</b>	<b>20,068 *</b>	<b>21,546</b>
Delaware	3,358	3,345	3,332	3,417	3,480	4,869	4,743	4,502	4,547	4,580
Florida	1,028	1,022 *	999	1,016	1,027	798	763	864	898	778
Georgia	32,954	32,876	33,154	32,317	32,496	27,503	27,218	27,720	28,258	27,163
Kentucky	7,471	7,874 *	7,851 *	6,723	7,392	6,634 *	6,523 *	6,349 *	4,533 *	5,984
Louisiana	3,424	3,454	3,454	3,454	3,470	3,400	3,391	3,247	3,622	3,224
Maryland	8,719	8,946	8,156	8,484	8,095	6,069	6,236	5,880	6,199	6,159
Mississippi	17,401	17,362	16,926	17,190	17,475	15,472	15,594	16,346	16,271	16,300
N. Carolina	18,701	18,337 *	18,985	18,272 *	18,549	15,348	15,624	15,287	15,546 *	14,738
Oklahoma	6,307	6,813 *	6,645	6,724	6,777	3,633	3,792	4,502	4,393	4,453
Pennsylvania	3,849	4,036	3,859	3,825 *	3,795	3,269	3,030	2,963	3,004 *	3,028
S. Carolina	5,697	6,032	5,272	5,792	5,719	4,676	5,435	4,533	4,604	5,650
Texas	15,350 *	15,092 *	15,394 *	14,745 *	15,443	13,120 *	13,284 *	13,262 *	13,167 *	13,033
Virginia	5,849	5,880	5,505	5,385	5,535	4,476	4,235	4,752	4,656	4,631
CA,MO,TN & WV	19,142 *	19,290 *	18,457 *	17,780 *	18,865	15,696 *	15,381 *	17,023 *	17,514 *	16,552
19 State Total	201,890 *	203,799 *	201,795 *	198,331 *	201,851	168,244 *	167,727 *	167,229 *	166,684 *	167,579
Prev. Year Total	215,444	216,467	217,697	218,880	217,271	178,512	178,783	177,611	176,060	176,413
% of Prev. Year	94	94	93	91	93	94	94	94	95	95

\* Revised in current week.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 7 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 202 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 7, 2009. This was down 7 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Down 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 7, 2009. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2008 through February 7, 2009 were 1.01 billion, down 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.